



MEMO

To: Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee
Association of Bay Area Governments

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Re: AB 2954 (Leiber) – SF Bay Restoration Authority

Dt: July 3, 2008

UPDATE

At the May meeting, the Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee (L&GO) delegated responsibility for taking a position on AB 2954 to a subcommittee to be formed by President Rose Jacobs Gibson. A subcommittee comprised of President Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisors John Gioia and Scott Haggerty, Councilmember Carol Dillon-Knutsen, Mayor Gwen Regalia and Councilmember Arne Simonson convened by teleconference on June 4. The subcommittee voted unanimously to support the bill. A letter of support dated June 13 was sent to the author and copied to the Bay Area delegation.

On May 23, AB 2954 was voted out of the Assembly and referred to the Senate Committee on Local Government. At its June 25, hearing, the bill passed out of the committee on a party line vote of 3-2. The bill is now before the Senate Rules Committee.

Staff understands that the bill was amended by the Senate Committee on Local Government. The provision that names the executive director of the State Coastal Conservancy as chair of the governing body of the SF Bay Restoration Authority is deleted. Instead, ABAG is given the power to appoint a “resident of the Bay Area” as chair.